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On Mar 2, 2018, at 7:37 AM, Moraff, Kenneth <Moraff.Ken@epa.gov> wrote:

Adding my thanks – it was great to see all of you and we always learn a lot from our discussions. Thanks for making the trip. Maybe next time we'll do it in the summer!

Ken

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Benita – Thank you for your nice summary of the meeting highlights and kind words. I was extremely disappointed to not be able to attend the meeting after helping plan it for two months, but I was able to listen in to most of the discussion and also heard from a number of our managers and staff who participated and understand that it was successful outcome. Thanks to all the OW senior managers who made the trek to snowy Boston in February and I hope we get another opportunity to connect in the near future.

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Alex, Ken and Lynne,

Thank you for hosting us and contributing to an engaging and productive discussion during the Office of Water's visit to Region 1 on February 7-8. I commend Mel Cote and Sandy Mojica for their tireless efforts to make this meeting a success. Regional visits are an important platform on which to collaborate and discuss key policy issues, grants management and our performance metrics and management system.

I appreciate the thoughtful discussions we had on issues of national scope as well as those specific to Region 1. In particular, the conversation on nutrients was particularly robust as we discussed the need for both novel and holistic approaches to nutrient pollution. I applaud Region 1 in their efforts and leadership in this arena. I would also like to thank you for highlighting the unique communities in your Region. It was informative to hear about the various challenges you are facing such as balancing priorities in areas like Cape Cod.

I am impressed by how much New England has accomplished in their non-point source program. The reduction of numerous non-point source impairments since 2006 exemplifies this success. I am encouraged to hear about Region 1's innovation and creativity in addressing these complex problems with limited 319 resources.

I was also encouraged to hear about your drinking water work both with regulated and unregulated contaminants. I appreciate your collaboration with headquarters to reduce lead in drinking water and provide technical assistance to communities as well as your work to identify contaminant sources and understand public health risks of unregulated contaminants such as PFAS.

In addition to being a leader in nutrient management, Region 1 is also a strong example to others of how to successfully implement Performance Partnership Agreements and Grants. Not only do all states in Region 1 use PPGs, all the grant monies in the PPGs are fully utilized. As the Reform Plan workgroup, led

by Region 10, on "Increasing Flexibility in State and Tribal Assistance" continues its work, perhaps your best practices and templates can be leveraged by other regions to improve their PPG programs.

I also appreciated the opportunity to visit with folks in the Mystic River Watershed. It's exciting to see the Urban Waters Federal Partnership and community action groups are making a real difference in the community. Thank you for making our time together successful. After our visit, OW has a greater appreciation for Region 1's challenges and priorities. We look forward to continuing to collaborate on these important issues. Please contact me or call Tim Fontaine 202-564-0318, if you have any questions.

Regards,
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